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TOWN REPRESENTATIVES.

Within a few days now the towns of the state will select their candidates for representatives in the next general assembly. This is a duty which often times gets too little consideration. Candidates are named too frequently for the purpose of filling a ticket without giving thought to the responsibilities which are involved in the selection of men to go to Hartford. They are nominated for political purposes without regard to their fitness, a fact which indicates negligence instead of interest in the affairs of the town and the state.

The office is one, which calls for the nomination and subsequent election of the best men possible. The coming session of the legislature will have many important questions before it, and they will be questions which should be handled by the best minds of the state. Such are not to be secured by neglecting the caucus duty, but by the people of the towns responding to their opportunities for individual work instead of displaying a half-hearted interest in the preliminary and later on complain because because different results were not obtained.

When the people of every town, big or little, insist upon the strongest nominees and give them the support at the polls, then will they be performing a valuable service for both town and state. To start the next general assembly right the action of the town caucuses cannot be given too much importance.

FIGHTING NON-COMBATANTS.

It is going to require different tactics than that attributed to Kaiser Germany in offering special honors to the aviator who will drop a bomb on London. Such may be taken in a reply to the protests which have been made about the dropping of explosives into Antwerp by the German airships, whereby women, children, hospital patients and non-combatants in general were endangered, but it is not likely to get much sympathetic support.

Aviation has accomplished much in the two months of war and it may be well to encourage the aviators to a test of their greatest efficiency but it had better be done in other ways. Aeroplanes and dirigibles have been of great value to both sides in the fierce struggle through the disclosure of positions and thereby as great aids to the effectiveness of the artillery fire. They have demonstrated their usefulness many times over and deserve the recognition which must be given their services in the conduct of war, but there has been nothing to warrant the justification of the flying machines for the terrorizing of the cities unless removed from the scene of war.

Even though such a thing as the dropping of bombs into London from such agencies may never be accomplished, the attitude which does no credit to a civilized nation even though it is engaged in war. It, however, gives Germany no chance for a respite if Russia takes the cue to retaliate it upon Berlin.

PEACE TREATIES.

Even though it is now engaged in war with other nations, it is nevertheless a valuable acquisition that this country has, as with several others, signed the peace commission treaty with Russia. Even though treaties have come to be referred to as scraps of paper, they are none the less desirable protections which are likely to carry greater weight in the future. It would be unfortunate indeed if the three of one country to observe its treaty obligations should make it possible to throw suspicion on all others. There is no reason to believe that all are to be judged by the one.

As the New York Times well says in relation to the existing situation: Two things are true of these treaties. One is that they tend strongly and directly to do away with secrecy, which is the condition precedent to sudden and endless wars. A nation which is a party to one of these treaties with another nation and abides by it must at once and with deliberation, and must reckon with informed public

opinion at home and abroad. The arbitrary, harsh, unexpected and unexplained final measures that precede such a war as the present would be possible only by repudiation of the treaty. And the second thing to note is that repudiation of treaty obligations would be a self-condemning act. It would be a confession before all the world that the claims of the offending government could not readily and safely be exposed to the light of an impartial investigation.

It is a stand relative to the adjustment of international difficulties which gives excellent promise of the desired results. It tempers quick action by a sane and sober consideration of the questions involved and gives recognition to justice before force.

APPLE CULTURE CLUBS.

Most gratifying results should follow the movement in behalf of apple clubs for boys and girls, being urged by the government. The object is to increase interest and supply needed instructions in the culture of the fruit and it is through such an organized effort that the desired end can be attained.

It is in keeping with the endeavor to get better results from farming through the application of modern ideas, for it is important that there should be activity along all the lines where better use can be made of the land under cultivation, devoted to orchards or woodland, and particularly to the growing of apples. The object is to teach children through clubs by arousing competition means the devotion of spare time to valuable undertakings accompanied by more or less pleasure, while at the same time it tends to the storing up of useful knowledge for more extensive use later on.

In New England especially there are excellent opportunities for developing the business of apple raising. There are many examples of what can be done, to say nothing of the great number of instances which clearly indicate that something ought to be done in the line of this effort. It will take a little time but there is no reason why Connecticut or New England fruit growing should not be considered as a far greater success. Take the corn growing clubs, for instance. The organization should result in much information and profit from the insight which can be obtained in that direction. Connecticut can and ought to do as well as the rest.

HOLLAND'S NEUTRALITY.

It may have been that Great Britain was not anxious about our shipments of metal to Holland, under the belief that it was destined to Germany and felt justified in holding them up, but it is perhaps well that there should be some understanding concerning the situation in which Holland finds itself, now as well as later. Great Britain might have waited until it was certain of the destination of the shipments that it could have spoken with greater certainty, and not solely from the standpoint of suspicion, but there is reason to believe no harm has been done by the nomination and subsequent election of the best men possible. The coming session of the legislature will have many important questions before it, and they will be questions which should be handled by the best minds of the state. Such are not to be secured by neglecting the caucus duty, but by the people of the towns responding to their opportunities for individual work instead of displaying a half-hearted interest in the preliminary and later on complain because because different results were not obtained.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Cotton may be king, but it appears to have poor control over its dominion this year.

What a grand theme war is going to be for the husking bee season now at hand.

Carranza's resignation opens the way for a large number more of good resolutions in Mexico.

October is having fine success in its effort to make a mark for the cold shoulder given by September.

Even the late fairs are getting some considerable attention from the fellow who handles the weather levers.

Wherever the German cruisers are permitted to operate unhampered they are taking full advantage of their privileges.

People who are apt to speak right out in meetings are getting some practice observing the neutrality regulations.

Those North sea mines can be depended upon to go up like a lot of other worthless securities, causing death as well as misery.

If quick and satisfactory returns are sought by the democratic revenue seekers, they couldn't do better than to put a tax on war talk.

Inasmuch as our troops appear to be necessary to maintain peace in Mexico it might be well to omit the exact time for their departure.

Who is going to pay the bills Carranza has contracted, and where is the retiring head of the constitutionalist going to make his future abode?

The sickness of the king of Roumania has symptoms similar to the youngster who is willing to have cramps if he can stay home from school.

If it is well that the churches should be filled for prayers for peace, why is it not a good thing that such power be sought, and the churches filled, often?

The man on the corner says: Living in one place a lifetime wouldn't be so bad but for the practice some people have of keeping a diary dating way back to youth.

District Attorney Whitman of New York has shown that he is a man of accomplishments. What he has done in his difficult position only discloses what he can do in the office of governor.

THE LURE OF THE CIRCUS

Little Joe pressed his nose against the dirty pane of glass that served as a window in the very small room on Columbus avenue. It was dirty because no one, even his neat Grand-ma, could keep the cinders and dust from settling everywhere. But Joe didn't mind that; there was no cloud on this particular day, for Mother was coming to take him to the circus! Mother who lived way off and worked hard to earn money so he and Grand-ma could have butter on their bread and an occasional doughnut bought from the cruller man who wore such a clean white coat. She was coming and she might never go away again.

He had been watching for an hour with the five-cent piece he had carried up in the corner of his handkerchief. This was to buy peanuts for the elephants. What if Mother shouldn't come! But she would come. She had told him the Sunday before that she surely would for she said she must see those elephants play baseball and the "pink ladies" walk the tight rope holding parasols over their heads. Joe was getting a bit discouraged when he spied a little lady in the crowd who looked pretty good. She had just then, a little fair lady with rizzly hair and big blue eyes who waved to him and then hurried up the creaking stairs to put her arms around him and assure him there was yet time.

So off they went together, he dreaming of all the wonders of the circus, she thinking of the days when she was a child. From city to city, after running away from home in a mad escapade, to discover that her husband was worthless. Then she came to the circus and found the little boy to care for. For six years a struggle to earn enough to support herself, the child and the circus. She went into one evening while doing a piece of difficult balancing, she fell, the net gave way and she was plunged to the ground. Her husband, broken feet. After that no more acrobatic work, for she lost her nerve, then, but she was brought to the circus by a friend, a man who wanted her to see the tents and all the sights which loomed up as they reached the entrance. How the little boy should have known, and how Mother's shoe, too, just a little because she had lost hold of Joe's hand. They managed somehow to get past the tents where the elephants were kept, and the "skeleton dancer" were holding receptions, and in a moment were in the animal tent, big, crowded, smelly.

The kangaroos were funny, the apes, too, but the monkeys were asleep and quite disinterested. The lions and tigers, however, made Joe's blood tingle and the giraffes held him spell-bound. Mother was dreaming, it was hard to tell how she felt. First she hated it all, and tightly held Joe's hand for fear of something, she didn't know what, perhaps it was only fear that she should lose him. But it was the lure of the circus.

No, no, no, that. They must hurry to the elephants, for Joe thought them the best of all. He threw peanuts into their mouths, and dropped them into the end of the funny trunks he threw them into the chair to watch the trunk curl over and suck them up, put them into the big mouth. How the great back, rolled and swung. It seemed to Mother like the waves of the ocean, and she was almost seasick or was it something else?

No, she didn't want to go back into the life. That was over. Now she was going to take care of Joe and Grand-ma, work at night and mend and cook. That was better than trapeze work—much better, and then there was Joe. Everything else should be given up but where was Joe?

He was nowhere to be seen. She stood still looking at every little boy she could see in a plaid coat and blue shirt, her head sinking. Why hadn't she paid attention? Where was he? She heard a sob and turned to see the little fellow looking frightened and forlorn, while a gentle was trying to find out something about him. She stooped where she was and put her arms around him, which comforted him—and her head sank. The band began to play and they hurried into the big tent. She had bought reserved seats for this wonderful circus, and she was right in front of the stage where they could see everything. During the play and dancing Joe ate pop-corn and ice cream, without paying much attention to the performers, but when the animals marched in and the clowns

came on, then the fun began. The horses he loved. They were to him the circus. Next in interest came the daring acrobats who seemed to fear nothing. Didn't mother like them?

She looked the other way and wished it were time to go home, but Joe didn't notice her inattention. Eye and by the end came, too soon for little Joe. But there was to be a Wild West show, with more horses. Couldn't he stay? Mother smiled into his eager face and said "Yes."

They saw it through and were just getting up when there was a shout and horse flew wildly around the tent with a man after him. Right in front of the grand stand the horse pushed into the crowd just as the man rushed up and caught him, but not before he had thrown over a little boy on the front seat.

With the horse quieted, the man with the big sombrero rushed to pick the child up and laid him in his mother's arms. She looked up to thank him—and met the familiar brown eyes of the man she hoped never to see again.

He leaned towards her and whispered: "He's all right. Not hurt a bit. Come, Mamie, come back with me to the old life. It's grand! I'll behave. Do come!"

The sombrero fell to the ground while he took both her hands in his. There was a moment's look of longing and daring, then she looked at little Joe lying sobbing and frightened in her arms, clinging to her saying: "Mama! Mama!"

She and Joe were the last to leave the tent, and when they went back to see the animals, the guards were hurrying people away. So they threw the few remaining peanuts into the crowd to the street.

Joe's hand never left his mother's. As they walked home together, he looked up at her and said: "Wasn't it great? And we can go see the circus the next cause you're never going to leave me any more, are you mother?"

"No, never, Joe."—Boston Record.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enforce Game and Fish Laws.

Mr. Editor: I own a farm and am a taxpayer and voter in Norwich. For the last seven years, or as long as I have owned my farm, vandals in the shape of boys and men have hacked with axes and hatchets the sides of trees on my farm, to mark where they have set steel traps and snares for small protected game, without my permission. No pen can do adequate justice to the tragedy of the steel trap. Myriads of unfortunate little birds, mice, and other small creatures are killed for days, until death gives them relief, or the hunter finally knocks them mercifully on the head. The big game laws have been placed upon the statute books. The fish and game laws are of no protection to the poor farmer unless they are enforced.

Now is the open season for smooth-tongued political workers who circulate among the farmers telling what laws they will make for our protection if we will only promise to vote them on the way to Hartford. They promise us laws for our protection, but do not promise the same laws will be enforced.

What good are the laws if not enforced? The majority of us farmers now realize that the fish and game laws are a joke, as they are not being enforced by those whose sworn duty it is to give the farmers at least some protection from the city vandals who without permission trespass on our property.

Does the democratic party protect the farmers by enforcing the fish and game laws? No. Why not? Because the democratic party fears that if they enforce the laws they will lose a few city votes. But the democratic party, when they see how the Connecticut farmers vote on Nov. 3, will be greatly surprised as they

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To Put On Flesh And Increase Weight

A Physician's Advice

Most thin people eat from four to six pounds of good solid fat-making food every day and still do not increase in weight one ounce. While on the other hand many of the plump, chunky folks eat very lightly and keep gaining all the time. It's all a matter of what they eat.

Thin folks stay thin because their powers of assimilation are defective. They absorb just enough of the food they eat to maintain life and a semblance of health and strength. Stuffed won't help them. A dozen meals a day won't make them gain a single stay there's poison in the fat-producing elements of their food just stay in the intestines until they pass from the body as waste. What such people need is something that will prepare these fatty food elements so that their blood can absorb them and deposit them all about the body—something, too, that will multiply their red blood corpuscles and increase their blood's carrying power.

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realize their big mistake of not giving us farmers proper protection.

On Oct. 5th the hunting season opens. Does the democratic party give the licensed hunters of New London county a square deal and proper protection? I say No! Last year and the year before those who hunted without licenses were not caught, and it will be the same this year, without doubt.

It seems perfectly safe to hunt without a license in New London county as long as the democratic party is in power. The licensed hunters can kick, but will it do them any good? Will Fish and Game Commissioner J. Harry McLaughlin, M. D., of Jewett City see that the farmers and licensed hunters in New London county have a square deal and protection this year? As the season opens within a week, Dr. McLaughlin, don't you think quick action is needed to get your men on their job?

If each farmer and licensed hunter in this county will send a personal letter at once to Dr. McLaughlin asking for the desired protection, perhaps he will order the fish and game laws to be enforced and see that they are enforced.

Yours truly, TAXPAYER.

R. F. D., Norwich, Ct.

OTHER VIEW POINTS

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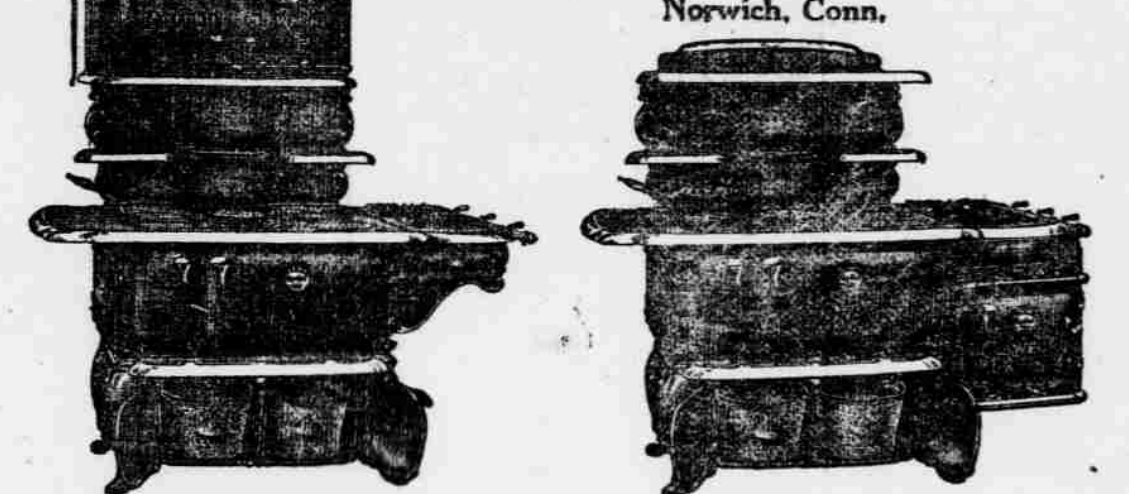
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